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TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

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EVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT 16 to 24 May 1951

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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 19 June 1951REFERENCES

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1. On 16 May 1951, a connecting strip was being built between the southern ends of the two runways at Oranienburg airfield. There was only one hanger, 12 x 50 x 120 meters. An annex 7 x 8 x 40 meters was on each of the two narrow sides of the hanger. A workshop with a material dump was housed in one annex, guardrooms and billets were housed in the other. The Soviets allegedly intended to repair the roof of the hanger and the former aid raid shelter northeast of the hanger, just south of the railroad line. The concrete dispersal area around the hanger was being reconditioned in spots.

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2. On 19 May, it was observed that two green radio trucks, one with an antenna mast about 5 meters high, were still parked about 60 meters southwest of the headquarters building in the restricted area of Weisse Stadt. Radio truck had recently arrived there. A mast about 7 meters high and braced on all sides was fitted on the right side of the driver's cab. A sheet metal cap, about 15 cm high and 10 cm wide, was on top of the mast.

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3. Between 4 and 7 p.m. on 24 May, the field was observed from its northern and eastern edges. About 25 twin-jet aircraft were parked in one line south of the hanger. All the planes were covered with dark brown tarpaulins. * About four to six B-25s were parked east of the main runway. Flights were continually made with these planes. **

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4. A B-25 the left rudder assembly above the Soviet star took off from the field at 4:26 p.m. The sky was almost cloudless and visibility was 2 km. More planes took off individually at intervals of 15 minutes. fuel trucks moved under the right wings of some planes. Crews were not changed. The Dumbo radar set in the eastern section of the field did not rotate during flying activity.

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5. Two radio trucks were parked at the take-off point on the southern edge of the field.

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* [] Comment. This observation refutes the previous assumption that the type-27 jet aircraft at Oranienburg airfield have been reduced to about 15 planes. [] . It is believed that all the ME-2s of the bomber regiments have been exchanged for jet aircraft.

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** [] Comment. Planes of the B-25 type have been also observed at other airfields occupied by type-27 jet aircraft. This type is probably used for the retraining of bomber pilots on heavier aircraft and aircraft with a nose wheel.

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